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**Empire State Youth Orchestras to Present FREE Concert for Senior Citizens
Earth, Stars, and Planets – A Voyage Through the Universe
Tues., Oct. 27, at Proctors Theatre**

ESYO's flagship orchestra, the Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Helen Cha-Pyo, will "travel" through the universe on Tuesday, October 27, as it performs selections from Holst's *The Planets* during its annual **FREE concert for senior citizens** at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady. The "Seniors' Concert" (which follows ESYO's morning Young People's concert for almost 2,000 school children) has become a tradition that Capital Region residents look forward to each fall.

The Planets is widely popular and frequently performed. This performance, however, will be unique as the audience will not only hear the music, but will see it through the projection of a video of photos and NASA approved animations of the planets, including pictures from probes and the Mars Rover – all synchronized with the music that the orchestra is playing.

The concert is free for all seniors and no tickets are required. To make reservations for groups of ten or more, please call ESYO at (518) 382-7581.

The concert is sponsored by Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP); additional funding has been received from the Schenectady County Legislature through its County Initiative Program.

About Empire State Youth Orchestras: 300+ talented youth from the Capital Region of New York and western New England are selected by audition each year for positions in ESYO's program of high-level music education and performance opportunities for young musicians. Well known for its Youth Orchestra's participation in CBS 6's *Melodies of Christmas* (benefit concerts for the pediatric cancer program at Albany Medical Center), ESYO actually has a total of nine performing ensembles that collectively give approximately 30 public performances a year. ESYO reaches out to the community with an annual free concert for senior citizens, concerts for young people, and ESYO's CHIME™, a free music education program for inner-city, low-income youth in Albany and Schenectady. Founded in 1979, ESYO has been recognized as a premier music education/performance program for youth and has received three prestigious ASCAP awards. A not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors, ESYO was named Tech Valley Nonprofit Business Council's Nonprofit Organization of 2013 (for organizations of fewer than 75 employees) in recognition of ESYO's positive contributions to the vitality of the region. For more information, visit www.esyo.org.